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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVES CEASE-AND-DESIST NOTICES DURING OPERATION JACK-O-LANTERN

~ Division of Medical Quality Assurance serves 47 cease-and-desist notices on October 11th~

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health with support from local law enforcement agencies carried out Statewide Operation Jack-O-Lantern October 8th through 11th. The operation to stop potentially dangerous sales of designer, colored contact lenses culminated in 47 cease-and-desist notices served to individuals and establishments practicing health care without a license. Practicing health care without a license is a felony-level criminal offense in many instances. Treatment by an unlicensed provider is dangerous and could result in further injury, disease or even death. Notices were served on the following subjects:

Lauderhill

Saint Petersburg

•	Elegant Beauty Supplies	Orlando
•	D&J Beauty Supply	Kissimmee
•	Dollar Worth	Orlando
•	Dollar & Up	Orlando
•	#1 Beauty Supply Store	Orlando
•	Dollar Store	Orlando
•	Beauty Exchange	Orlando
•	Landon Inc.	Miami
•	Lena Hair & Wigs	Miami
•	Bijou Hair and Wigs	Miami
•	305 Beauty Supply Corp	Miami
•	H & S Optical	Cutler Bay
•	Elegant Beauty Supplies	Tampa
•	Diva Beauty Supply #1	Tampa
•	Elegant Beauty Supplies	Tampa
•	J-Lo Beauty Supply #2	Tampa
•	Diamond Beauty Supply	Tampa
•	Absolutely Fabulous Accessories	Port Richey
•	L&C Jewelry Wholesale	Tampa
•	AZIZ Discount Beauty Supply	Fort Lauderdale
•	Elegant Beauty Supplies	Fort Lauderdale
•	Beauty Supplies & 99 Stuff Inc.	Wilton Manors
•	AZIZ Discount Beauty Supply	Oakland Park
•	Lamia Enterprises Inc. dba Kingston	MarketLauderhill
•	Bismilla Beauty Supply	Oakland Park
•	Diamond Girl Beauty Supply	Fort Lauderdale
•	Diamond Girl #2 Beauty Supply	Fort Lauderdale

Quick Stop Food Store

Glamour Tress.com

Sunnys Beauty and Fashion
4th Street Beauty Supply
Discount Beauty Supply
Dash in Dash Out
6S Boutique
Saint Petersburg
Saint Petersburg
Saint Petersburg
Saint Petersburg

Discount Beauty Supply Orlando **Abradel Beauty Supply** Orlando Miami Twice Miami **Amira Beauty Supply Cutler Bay Beauty Outlet** Jacksonville Sun Beauty Supply (CJ Beauty Supply) **Jacksonville Golfair Shell Gas Station** Jacksonville **Star Beauty Supply** Jacksonville **Amy Beauty Supply** Jacksonville 2 U Beauty Supply **Jacksonville** • Hit it Beauty Supply Jacksonville J. J. Beauty Supply **Jacksonville Monarch Beauty Supply Jacksonville**

The Department's Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) Unlicensed Activity (ULA) program, under authority of Florida Statute 456.065, protects Florida residents and visitors from the potentially serious consequences of receiving health care services from an unlicensed person. The ULA program investigates all unlicensed health care activity complaints and allegations, and works in conjunction with law enforcement and the state attorney's offices to prosecute individuals practicing without a license.

The Department has several resources to combat unlicensed activity:

- Consumers are encouraged to use DOH's website, www.flhealthsource.gov, where they can conveniently view the license information of their health care practitioner.
- Complaints may be filed anonymously by completing and mailing the <u>complaint form</u> on the DOH website, emailing HALTULA@doh.state.fl.us or calling 1-877-HALT-ULA.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit www.FLHealth125.gov for more information.

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